



PARADE

Prevention Advocacy Resources and Data Exchange

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BANNING THE SALE OF NOVELTY LIGHTERS

WHEREAS, Those members attending the 5th National Conference of the Prevention Advocacy Resources and Data Exchange (PARADE), whose mission is to identify all aspects of fire prevention critical to protection of life and property, identify best practices within Regions and provide for dissemination of those practices; and

WHEREAS, PARADE consists of members of the fire prevention community involved in enforcement of fire laws and regulations to ensure the safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, The members of PARADE are concerned about the increased sale of novelty lighters that resemble toys and other objects that children find attractive; and

WHEREAS, The PARADE members acknowledge that there have been fires and burn injuries resulting from children playing with “novelty lighters” that resemble toys and other items that children find attractive; and

WHEREAS, The United States Fire Administration established an operational objective to reduce the loss of life from fire in the age group 14 years old and younger; and

WHEREAS, The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission has a strategic goal to reduce the rate of death from fire-related causes by 20 percent from 1998 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission requires certain lighters to be child resistant, but some “novelty lighters” may not be covered under these requirements; and

WHEREAS, The European Union requires all cigarette lighters to be child-resistant, but at the same time recognized that novelty lighters have an inherently higher risk of misuse by children, and thus prohibited their sale.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The members of PARADE support individual states legislation banning the sale and use of novelty lighters and further encourages the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission to follow the European Union in banning the sale and use of novelty lighters that appeal to children to reduce the risk to fire burns, injuries, and death of our children.

This resolution was adopted by PARADE members present May 16, 2009, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

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